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# PROPOSALS OF THE ALLIES

The Arbitration Requests of Great Britain and Germany Leave the President Free to Choose.

## MR. ROOSEVELT IS CONSIDERING NOTES

He Has Not Made Up His Mind as to His Reply Yet—No Details as to the Restrictions Laid Down in the Arbitration Plan Will Be Announced Until the Answer Is Prepared—The President to Weigh the Matter Carefully.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—The British and German formal proposals to President Roosevelt that he arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty have been received here.

They are in such shape that the President can accept or decline the proposition. He has reached no decision so far, not having had opportunity to carefully consider the proposals.

The messages were received while the President was absent from the White House. Nothing can be learned yet as to the details of the proposals. Curiosity on that point must remain unsatisfied until the President has determined what to do.

It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he believes that the conditions on the blockade lines are such that at almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Germany is anxious to receive President Roosevelt's acceptance of the formal invitation from Germany and Great Britain to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan controversy. The German government's preference is very decidedly in favor of arbitration through President Roosevelt rather than through the Hague tribunal, because it believes the president will reach an early decision, whereas the Hague court would require many months.

The officers here also insist that it is to the advantage of the United States to have the President decide the matter.

The German steamship *Siberia*, which sailed from Hamburg for Venezuela yesterday, carried an expert in international law, who will act as counsel for Commodore Scherer in technical legal questions arising during the blockade.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Italy's reply to the arbitration proposal of Venezuela, through Minister Bowen and the government of the United States, says, among other things, that Italy would be pleased if the question were settled by the arbitration of President Roosevelt. It adds that if he does not accept Italy will have no objection to submitting the solution to The Hague tribunal.

No News for Publication. Washington, Dec. 2.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time this afternoon over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany that the President arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They went over the subject very carefully. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions the allies have imposed on the arbitration. If any conclusion was reached at the conference between the President and the Secretary of State today the fact was not made public. Inquiries at the White House regarding the President's intentions were referred to Secretary Hay and the latter sent word to newspaper reporters who called on him that there was no news to be given out on the subject to-night.

## CASTRO AGAIN MENACED.

Rebels Gain Strength by Blockade and Flock to Matos.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 23 (by boat from La Guayra).—The revolutionists have answered President Castro's proposition that they should unite with the government and turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela. They refer the president to General Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter.

The revolutionists are strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal. The ten-day armistice which the government signed with them ends tomorrow.

The government has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Ramos, Antonio Guevara, Urbaneza and Venezuela, with 2,500 men, will march via Guatire. Antonio Fernandez, Osio and Crespo Torres, with 2,300 more, have left Camanagua, and General Rolando, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucucac.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the attacks, as the government's resources have vanished.

The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists. General Matos will leave Caracas shortly.

## PRINCESS WANTS A DIVORCE.

She Will Take Steps to Procure One as Soon as Possible.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Vienna, Dec. 24.—The Crown Princess of Saxony, through Lachenel, a former president of the Reichstag, has informed the Neues Wiener Tagblatt that she intends to take immediate steps to procure a divorce.

She will not return to Salzburg for fear of being placed in an asylum. In two letters to her intimate friend, Princess Therese of Bavaria, the crown princess complains bitterly of her treatment at the Saxony court, where she always was subjected to the strictest discipline. She says the official statements in her case are incorrect.

President, Saxony, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the Crown Princess of Saxony left for her husband's winter residence at the Saxony court, where she always was subjected to the strictest discipline. She says the official statements in her case are incorrect.

## ALL READY TO RECEIVE THE HUMBERT FAMILY

Complete Arrangements Made for the Reception of the Prisoners When They Arrive in Paris.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 24.—As a result of conferences between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Vaillant, complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family, now under arrest, but the precaution has been taken not to disclose where the prisoners will be taken from the train, as a popular demonstration is feared. The government authorities are showing great activity in preparing for the prosecution of the prisoners.

M. Henion, chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected that they will make a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival is awaited in Paris with intense interest. The affair continues to be the universal topic for discussion and even effects the Christmas rejoining, many of the best society revellers depicting phases in the famous case. One of these is a miniature of Humbert, as empty as that which induced bankers and others to lend millions to the Humberts.

The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution. The creditors are chiefly interested in securing the remnant of the assets and plans are on foot for a meeting of the creditors with a view to arranging an equitable division.

The arrest of Madame Daluza, the friend of Romain D'Aurigne, at Buenos Ayres, was part of the government's energetic plans to apprehend the fugitives. She was not connected with the affair, but it was supposed here that her departure for Buenos Ayres indicated that Romain D'Aurigne and other members of the Humbert family were in that part of the world.

## KING GEORGE WATCHING THE PRINCESS LOUISE.

His Policemen Are Reporting Her Actions at Geneva.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Lokal Anzeiger today prints a dispatch from Dresden, saying that King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess Louise. One official returned yesterday by way of Vienna. The other will remain at Geneva.

A divorce of the crown prince and crown princess is regarded as impossible during the lifetime of King George, who entertains stringent religious scruples against divorce. The Protestant clergy, however, hope that Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce.

## SNOW AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

All Communication Interrupted and Weather Intensely Cold.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Constantinople, Dec. 24.—A severe snowstorm has been raging here for forty-eight hours.

Communication by land and sea is interrupted, and the telegraph wires are down. The weather is intensely cold. There have been heavy falls of snow in all the European provinces of Turkey.

## Mr. Astor's Memorial to Daughter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 24.—William Waldorf Astor has given \$250,000 to build a new outpatient department for the Hospital for Sick Children, in Great Ormond street. It will be dedicated to the memory of his daughter Gwendoline, who died recently.

## Vanderbilt Will Recover.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—On leaving the Vanderbilt residence at 10:45 tonight, Dr. Austin said: "Mr. Vanderbilt has turned the corner. He will get well."

## HUSBAND ABSENT.

Charles Miller Disappears with Nearly \$500 Belonging to His Wife.

Stroudsburg, Dec. 24.—With almost five hundred dollars belonging to his wife, Charles Miller, who a few days ago married Mrs. Hannah VanWhy, proprietress of the Valley House, near East Stroudsburg, allegedly to have run off. He disappeared yesterday. Several who have seen Miller say he bears a striking resemblance to Oscar Schroyer, a notorious horse thief and buco stealer.

Mrs. Miller met Miller some months ago. He represented himself as a well-to-do stock farmer of Little Washington, N. J. He conducted himself in an exemplary manner and soon won her consent to marriage. Since the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been living at the Valley House. Yesterday morning Mrs. Miller gave her husband \$449 to pay a note due Burt Brothers. The note had not been paid. After receiving the money he engaged a livery rig to take him to Portland and upon arriving there dismissed the driver and since then has not been seen.

## MINE INSPECTORS ASSIGNED POSITIONS

Chief Roderick Meets the District Officers Including Those Chosen at Last Election.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 24.—James Roderick, chief of the bureau of mine inspectors, met the district inspectors, including those elected at the late election, in this city tonight, and made the following assignments:

First, Lackawanna—Edward Roderick, with office in Scranton.

Second, Lackawanna and including Susquehanna and Wayne—Patrick J. Moore, Dunmore.

Third, Lackawanna—Henry O. Pryor, Scranton.

Fourth, Lackawanna—Thomas R. Williams, Scranton.

Fifth, Luzerne and Sullivan—Hugh McDonald, Pittston.

Sixth, Luzerne—P. M. Boyle, Kingston.

Seventh, Luzerne—Edward Reynolds, Wilkes-Barre.

Eighth, Luzerne—David T. Davis, Wilkes-Barre.

Ninth, Luzerne and Carbon—David J. Roderick, Hazleton.

Tenth, Schuylkill—William Stein, Shenando.

Eleventh, Schuylkill—Patrick Fenton, Mahanoy City.

Twelfth, Schuylkill—Michael J. Brennan, Pottsville.

Thirteenth, Schuylkill—John Curran, Pottsville.

Fourteenth, Northumberland—James Tinley, Shamokin.

Fifteenth, Columbia—Martin Kelly, Ashland.

The number of mines in each district are given as follows:

First, 18; Second, 21; Third, 21; Fourth, 19; Fifth, 25; Sixth, 21; Seventh, 17; Eighth, 17; Ninth, 38; Tenth, 20; Eleventh, 12; Twelfth, 19; Fourteenth, 28; Fifteenth, 7.

## AN OIL NAPOLEON IS UNDER ARREST

William Baer Ewing Is Accused of Using the Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 24.—William Baer Ewing, secretary of a concern known as the Standard Oil Promotion and Investment company, has been arrested here by postoffice inspectors, under an indictment recently returned against him in San Francisco. He is charged with having used the mails for purposes of fraud.

Many persons in various parts of California are said to have invested money in the shares of the oil concern under representation that the company had a substantial capital of \$2,500,000, and that it had much money on deposit in San Francisco banks, and that men of large means had united in the venture to promote the oil industry of the Pacific coast. Residents of Sacramento and Berkeley, Cal., are mentioned in the indictment as having lost money through representations made in effect that the company had been secured through the mails by Ewing.

## PRIZE FIGHTERS AS ORATORS.

Corbett and Sullivan Will Preside at Salvation Army Dinners.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Toledo, O., Dec. 24.—At the Salvation Army dinner to be given at Toledo tomorrow, James J. Corbett, John L. Sullivan, Mayor (Golden Rule) Jones and Rev. F. D. Kelsey, all national characters, will address the assembled diners. Sullivan and Corbett, who are appearing in rival theatres this week, both volunteered to act as waiters at the dinner, but the army suggested that they make a speech. When they learned that Jones and Kelsey would speak, they accepted the invitation.

## THREE SCHOONERS MISSING.

It Is Believed That They Have Foundered and That Fourteen Persons Have Been Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Johns, N. P., Dec. 21.—The steamer *Magnific* returned here this afternoon from her search for three schooners which have been missing since the gales began. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday at Boulogne. The *Magnific* failed to find the others.

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## Mr. Morgan Sued for Damages.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—J. P. Morgan has been summoned to appear in the district municipal court to answer to a suit brought against him for \$250 damages.

The claimant, a tenant in a house owned by Mr. Morgan, asks these damages on the ground that he caught a severe cold through the house not being heated owing to the lack of coal.

# CHARGES OF CRUELTY ARE INVESTIGATED

Natives Prefer Charges Against American Soldiers to General Miles' at Lipa.

## WATER CURE CASES ARE DISCOVERED

Captain Howze Taken to Task on Charge of Having Allowed Native Officials at Laoag to Whip Prisoners to Death—General Miles Sends Telegram to General J. Franklin Bell Directing Him to Report Cases of Misconduct That Had Prompted Him to Issue Circular No. 5.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, Dec. 24.—Several official inquiries into charges of alleged cruelty to natives by soldiers at the islands. Some of these cases have been investigated previously.

When General Miles was at Lipa, in the province of Batangas, Luzon, certain natives laid charges before him that during the campaign of reconcentration, American soldiers had committed acts of cruelty and violence. General Miles referred the matters to Colonel Morris C. Foote to investigate. Colonel Foote found the charge of violence untrue, but it is believed that he found in some cases the water cure had been administered. His report will be sent to Washington.

While General Miles was in the island Major George K. Hunter, of the Fifteenth cavalry, reported to him certain charges which had been brought against Captain Robert L. Howze, of the Sixth cavalry, who in command at Laoag, North Ilocos, Luzon, in 1900. At the time specified, Captain Howze was lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry. Major Hunter said that the official of Laoag had whipped certain prisoners, two of whom died from the effects of this treatment. At the time of this alleged occurrence, Major Hunter was serving at Laoag; he reported the matter in a letter to Governor Taft, who informed General MacArthur. Captain Howze denied the charges. An investigation was ordered and the bodies of the two prisoners who died were exhumed. In their report the investigators held Captain Howze to be blameless. General Miles brought Major Hunter to the north end of Luzon and landed him at Laoag before leaving the islands for China. At present Major Hunter is in Manila. He says the investigation into the charges against Captain Howze has not yet been completed.

## Cablegram to Bell.

After leaving Manila, General Miles sent a cablegram to General J. Franklin Bell, directing him to report what cases of misconduct on the part of the enemy had led him to issue circular No. 5, in which it was charged that the enemy had killed American wounded, had made use of American property, had planted infernal machines, shot poisoned arrows, violated their paroles, assassinated friendly natives, accepted office under the Americans for the purpose of obtaining information and had entered the American lines by deceit. General Bell, in his report, stated that the inquiry into the causes which led to the death of Father Augustin has been completed and forwarded to Washington.

The water cure was administered to Father Augustin at Banate, Pampanga island; the priest died from the effects of this treatment. It is said that a large sum of money had been raised among the natives of the southern islands and sent to Boston to aid in the prosecution of the Augustin case. The claim has been made that this money was intended for use against Major Edwin P. Glenn, of the Fifth infantry, who is charged with unlawfully and brutally killing seven prisoners of war, and whose trial will be continued here in January. Major Glenn, however, was in no way connected with the Augustin case.

## POPE CELEBRATES MASS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Rome, Dec. 24.—His holiness, the pope, celebrated mass in his private chapel tonight, after which he wished all present a Merry Christmas and said laudably: "Do I look as if I had been ill yesterday?"

The pontiff delivered the benediction personally.

## Potter Permitted to Paint.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 24.—William Potter, the member of Company F, Second regiment, who was expelled from the local Painters' union because of his service in the recent railway strike was reinstated today by that organization and he immediately applied to his former employers to employ him. His request was acceded to and he was put to work.

## Collision at Lancaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 24.—Harrisburg and Williamsport express trains collided with a draft of freight cars that were being shifted between Downingtown and Coatesville. The express engine was derailed and Engineer Charles Downes, of this city, injured, though not seriously. None of the passengers were hurt.

## President's Western Trip.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Denver, Dec. 24.—D. B. Fairley, chairman of the Republican state committee, was advised today that President Roosevelt will visit Denver about the middle of March. From Denver, it is said, he will go to New Mexico and Oklahoma.

## CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE.

President's Family Will Be All Together Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The president's family will all be together at the White House to spend Christmas. They will not have a tree, but will exchange presents in the morning in the library. They will go to Captain Cowles house later to take lunch with the captain and Mrs. Cowles. In the afternoon the president and Mrs. Roosevelt probably will go riding.

Dinner will be served in the state dining room in the evening and the following guests will be present: Senator and Mrs. Lodge, John Lodge, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, John Elliott, of New York; Mrs. Charles Henry Davis, Miss Davis, the Messrs. Davis.

Robert Ferguson will be a guest at the house today over Christmas. The president will present turkeys to the employees in the White House.

## EXPLOSION INJURES THIRTY

Gas or Gasoline Creates Hayoc in a Club House at Hot Springs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Turf Exchange, a clubhouse and pool room, operated by Chambers & Walker, the building was badly damaged and thirty people were injured, sixteen of them being in a serious condition.

The most seriously injured were: R. C. CHAMBERS, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange; both legs and both wrists broken.

WILLIAM HELWIG, a blind man, manager of a bath house; both legs broken.

J. S. MEEKS, Hot Springs; badly bruised and cut.

JOSEPH KINNEY, Hot Springs, both legs broken.

JOSEPH PACE, hotel keeper, Hot Springs; both legs broken.

FINNIGAN, plumber, Hot Springs; both legs broken.

JAMES COWEN, Hot Springs; both legs broken.

WILLIAM METZGER, a boy, Hot Springs; both legs broken and skull fractured; will die.

JAMES COUGHLIN, plumber, Hot Springs; leg broken.

C. C. PARKER, Milwaukee; both legs broken.

A. F. HOTCHKISS, Hot Springs; knee fractured.

G. E. ENGINEER, Hot Springs; both legs broken.

H. GERGE, New York; leg broken.

F. CRANFIELD, Cincinnati; both legs broken; ribs broken.

WALTER POWERS, St. Louis; arm broken.

EUGENE DALY, Hot Springs; both legs broken.

THOMAS PHELAN, telegraph operator, Hot Springs; badly cut.

M. DONNELLY, visitor, residence unknown; leg broken, also badly cut.

Twelve others sustained bruises and slight injuries.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon the pool room was crowded with more than 100 persons. Just as a race at New Orleans was being called by the operator the floor of the building seemed to rise and in an instant a report that shook the entire block rang out. The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling men who were wildly excited and endeavoring to escape to the street. The entire house looked as if a tornado had ploughed through its center. The front gas windows were broken, and both sides of the structure were shattered by the concussion, which resembled the report of a twelve-pounder.

Men were pulled from under the debris in a terribly shattered state. One of the most pitiable sights was when "Bill" Helwig, the blind manager of the Lamar bath house, was taken from the thousands of visitors who came to Hot Springs annually.

The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. It is said by some that the gas, which had escaped in the cellar of the building, was ignited in some manner, causing the terrible accident.

Another report, which is probably true, says a driver of a gasoline wagon was striking a tank in the cellar when the explosion occurred.

The police have made a full investigation and have held Ben Murray, who is alleged to be responsible for the disaster by careless handling of the high combustible, the tank of the pool room consisted of \$3,500 and was blown away in the explosion, but the greater part of it has been recovered.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Coville, Liverpool, Cleared: La Savoie, Havre; La Campine, Antwerp. Sailed: St. Louis, Southampton; Cymric, Liverpool. Liverpool-Arrived: Oceanic, New York. Sailed: Teutonic, New York. Southampton-Arrived: St. Paul, New York. Antwerp-Finland, New York.

## Another Police Captain Vindicated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Police Captain James J. Murray, on trial on a charge of accepting a bribe of \$5, returned a verdict of not guilty after being out three hours today.

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 24.—George W. Thatcher, a Utah pioneer and for years prominent in political and church affairs, is dead at his home in Logan, Utah, after a long illness, aged 62 years. Mr. Thatcher crossed the plains with his parents with the first band of Mormon pioneers. In the early days of the state Mr. Thatcher was one of the famous "Pony Express riders," and later was identified with many public enterprises.

New York, Dec. 24.—Nate Salisbury, controlling partner in the Buffalo Bill Wild West show, died at his home in Long Beach, aged 65 years. Disease of the stomach, from which he had suffered for several years, was the cause of Mr. Salisbury's death.

# BIG SMASHUP AT SQUAKER VALLEY

The Pennsylvania Limited Running an Hour Late Crashes Into an Accommodation.

## PASSENGERS INJURED MANY FATALLY

The Big Engine of the Limited Ploughs Into the Rear Car of the Leetsdale Accommodation Like a Knife Through Paper—The Crash Is Heard for a Mile—Many of the Occupants Injured and Some Perish Fatally—List of the Wounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Pennsylvania Limited, running almost an hour late, crashed into the rear end of the Leetsdale accommodation at Squaker Valley station tonight at 11 o'clock. The big engine of the limited ploughed into the rear car, the smoker, like a knife through paper, and the little car was pushed through the end ahead of it, making the two cars the length of one. The crash was heard for a mile and the Limited, running at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour, carried the train from Qualler Valley to Edgeworth, a distance of almost half a mile before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally.

## DRIVING SNOW STORM OBSCURED THE TRACKS

Several Persons Injured in a Collision At Marietta—No One Was Killed.

Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The northbound passenger train on the Ohio River railway collided with a southbound passenger train near Marietta, W. Va., this morning and several people were injured. A driving snow obscured the tracks. No one was killed. The injured: J. A. Queen, Marietta, chest and spine, probably fatal.

Freeman Wyatt, Marietta, badly bruised.

Mrs. Wagner, head cut.

John Kincaid, Point Pleasant, baggage master, head and neck injured.

Sybil Harris, Newport, Ohio, bruised and cut.

Hattie Riffe, Newport, Ohio, face cut, head bruised.

## ITALY IS PLEASED WITH ROOSEVELT

If He Does Not Accept She Has No Objection to The Hague.

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## QUIET AT CARACAS.

People of La Guaira Are Indignant at Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Caracas, Dec. 24.—The Red "D" line steamer Caracas was cruising to-day before La Guayra.

The steamer Merida, of the same line has left Willemstad, Curacao, for Maracaibo. She was attempting to ascertain whether the blockade is effective.

There is much indignation among the people of La Guayra with Signor De Riva and Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, who are considered responsible for the shelling of the forts at Puerto Cabello. The envoys promenade daily on the beach and La Guayra and it is feared they may be the object of some demonstration.

At Caracas everything is quiet. President Castro went to La Victoria today.

## HAYTI EXILES RETURN.

It Is Expected That Peace Will Follow Return of General Nord.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—Large numbers of exiled Haytian exiles are preparing to return to Hayti, under the terms of the new law permitting them to return. It is expected peace will follow General Nord's return to the presidency.

There is no fear of further rising, it is said, but the government employees are clamoring for their salaries, which they have not received for some time.

## DEATH IN BOILER EXPLOSION.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Latrobe, Pa., Dec. 24.—By a terrific explosion occurring at the Loyal Hanna Pumping shaft of the Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke company, at Oakville station on the Ligonier Valley railway, two miles south of Latrobe, this afternoon, one man was fatally injured and several others seriously injured. Fireman John Weaver was blown high in the air and fatally injured; William Peters and Joseph Gontz were terribly scalded and cut by flying fragments. The battery contained four boilers, three being old.

The boiler house was entirely demolished and the timbers thrown down. One boiler was blown into the woods a distance of fifty feet. The explosion was caused by low water.

The injured men live near Oakville.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or snow Thursday; Friday fair, much colder with a cold wave in north and west portions; fresh to brisk south winds; shifting to west and northwest and becoming high Thursday night.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Dec. 24, 1902: Highest temperature, 30 degrees; Lowest temperature, 12 degrees; Relative humidity, 75 per cent; S. by E. wind, 10 per cent; Precipitation, 24 hours ended 5 p. m., trace.